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E.O. 11652 N/A
TAGS: MTN, ETRD, NO
SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN INDUSTRIAL TARIFF OFFER.

1. U.S. MTN DEL HAS RECEIVED COPY OF NORWAY'S INDUSTRIAL
TARIFF OFFER WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON VIA
NEXT AVAILABLE TRAVELER. NORWEGIAN DEL SELMER MADE FOL-
LOWING COMMENTS ON THE OFFER:

- A) THE SWISS FORMULA WAS UTILIZED, WITH A CO-
EFFICIENT OF 16.
- B) EXCEPTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN STRICTLY ON THE
BASIS OF ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS; LATER ADJUST-
MENTS MAY BE NECESSARY TO INSURE RECIPROCITY.

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- C) DEPTH-OF-CUT COMPUTATIONS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.
- D) OSLO MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE US WITH OFFER TAPE.

2. IN A BRIEF PERUSAL OF THE OFFER, U.S. MTN DEL HAS NOTED
THAT MOST, IF NOT ALL, EXCEPTIONS SEEM TO BE FULL EX-
CEPTIONS (I.E., OFFER RATE EQUALS CURRENT RATE). THE NOR-

WEGIANS ARE OFFERING TO ELIMINATE MANY DUTIES ON ITEMS WITH AVES OF LESS THAN 5 PERCENT. THERE ARE NUMEROUS INSTANCES WHERE AVES ARE NOT AVAILABLE, AND A FEW CASES WHERE THE CURRENT AD VALOREM RATE DOES NOT MATCH THE AVE.

3. THE NORWEGIAN EXCEPTIONS ENCOMPASS THE BULK OF THEIR TEXTILE ITEMS, INCLUDING WOOL AND COTTON YARN AND FABRICS, MAN-MADE FIBERS, AND MOST WEARING APPAREL. IN THE METALS SECTOR, EXCEPTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN ON CERTAIN ALLOY AND HIGH CARBON STEEL ARTICLES, CAST IRON PIPE AND TUBE, AND WROUGHT ALUMINUM BARS AND CORRUGATED SHEETS. MOST ARTICLES OF LEATHER HAVE BEEN EXCEPTED, INCLUDING FOOTWEAR, WEARING APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES, LUGGAGE AND FLAT GOODS. THE REMAINING EXCEPTIONS COVER A BROAD RANGE OF PRODUCTS, THE MOST IMPDRTANT OF WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS: PERFUMES, SOAPS, DEODORANTS, AND LOTIONS; POLYETHELENE RESIN; PNEUMATIC TIRES; BOTH TEXTILE AND NON-TEXTILE FLOOR COVERINGS; CERTAIN HEADWEAR, CERAMIC TABLE AND LABORATORY WARE; GLASS CONTAINERS, BRICKS, AND TILES; FLATWARE; COMPUTERS; RADIOS, TELEVISIONS, STEREO, AND RADAR APPARATUS; MOTORCYCLES AND BICYCLES; CERTAIN BROOMS AND BRUSHES; AND SLIDE FASTENERS.

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